

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 102

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Shirley Carr Clowney upon her reception of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission's 50th Anniversary Civil Rights Advocate honor.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is the venerable Mrs. Shirley Carr Clowney, who has been selected by the Tennessee Human Rights Commission as a recipient of the Fiftieth Anniversary Civil Rights Advocate Award; and

WHEREAS, this honor is given to individuals who have made a significant impact in their local communities and across the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clowney was born in Maryville, Tennessee and has continued to contribute to the region and devote herself to the citizens of this great State; and

WHEREAS, she is an educated woman, having attended Maryville College, Tennessee State University, and Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-five years, Mrs. Clowney dedicated herself to educating the youth of this nation, by teaching in Nashville, New Jersey, and Blount County; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and devout member of Mount Olive Baptist Church and has served as the Chair of the Historical Room, as a Trustee, and as a participant in the Christian Education Ministry; and

WHEREAS, she is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clowney's contributions to the East Tennessee include serving as President of the Blount County Genealogical and Historical Society and as the co-founder and Executive Director of African Americans of Appalachia and Blount County; and

WHEREAS, additionally, she may be remembered as one of the "Maryville Six" and one of the first black women to be enrolled at Maryville College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clowney also donates her time to offering presentations, lectures, and exhibits on black history in churches, schools, and organizations throughout Knox and Blount Counties; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and admired by her many friends and colleagues, Mrs. Clowney has truly lived a life of faith and service, giving of herself to any and all with the utmost generosity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate and commend Shirley Carr Clowney upon her being named one of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission's Fiftieth Anniversary Civil Rights Advocate honorees and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.